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1. The following aircraft are used by the Bulgarian Air Force:
    - a. Bozhurishte - fighter planes
    - b. Karlovo - fighter planes
    - c. Balchik - fighter planes
    - d. Krumovo - bombers
    - e. Plovdiv - bombers.
  2. The first three fields enumerated in paragraph 1 have one "Orlak" stationed at each field. Each "Orlak" has 27 planes. Three "Orlaks" form one regiment and each "Orlak" is designed so that it can expand into a regiment in time of war. Reserve pilots are assigned to each "Orlak" and receive training at their appropriate "Orlak" when called to active duty.
  3. The airfield at Krumovo has a present capacity of about 100 (sic) bombers, but is so situated that it can be enlarged to hold at least 200 (sic).
  4. The Bulgarian Air Force uses facilities at the following airfields:
    - a. Malevo (Haskovo)
    - b. Orlovo (small fighters only)
    - c. Yambol
    - d. Vrazhdebna (Sofia)
    - e. Kazanlek
    - f. Burgas
    - g. Varna
    - h. Gorna Orehovitsa
    - i. Dolna Mitropoliya
    - j. Telish (Cherven Breg).
  5. Until 1948, the following type planes were used in the Bulgarian Air Force:
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## Trainers

Fokker Wolfe (Vrabcheta)  
Chuchuliga

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Osa (single seater)  
Soika (a heavy single seater)  
Devoitin (sic) (French plane)  
Messerschmidt.

Fighters

YAK-9 - speed 400-500 kph. - single seater  
Messerschmidt - speed 600 kph. - single seater  
Lavochkin - 400-500 kph. - single seater.

Bombers

Petlyakov - speed 300 kph. - 4 man crew.

Assault

Sturmovik - speed 200-300 kph. - two seater.

Until the present time, the Bulgarian Air Force has not been given any jet planes and no training has been conducted for jet pilots. During this year (1950) the Soviets have given the Bulgarian Air Force some new planes which are slightly faster, but their speed and nomenclature are not known.

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